

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING CLUB
DISTRICT 1
2007-2008 Season**

Any situation arising which is not covered by these bylaws or the WHS Bowling Club Guidelines, shall be covered by the USBC Youth High School Division Rule Book , the WHS Bowling Club Advisory Committee, and/or the WIAA Official Handbook.

PREAMBLE

The purpose of the Wisconsin High School (WHS) Bowling Club will be to provide high school students an opportunity to experience the spirit of the team competition and community pride while participating in a sport they can enjoy for the rest of their lives, and to allow any bowler, without regard to race, sex, or physical challenge, an opportunity to participate within a team environment. It will provide sanctioned high school bowling competition as defined by the USBC and will provide an opportunity for student bowlers to meet bowlers from other schools and travel to other bowling club facilities.

MISSION

To increase High School membership and broaden the sport of bowling in Wisconsin.

ARTICLE I

NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be:

“Wisconsin High School Bowling Club – District 1”.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

From year to year the membership may change based on the ability for the schools to compete. The 2007/2008 season will have the following high schools and center membership:

Brookfield East – Bluemound Bowl
Franklin – Root River Lanes
Germantown – AMF – Menomonee Falls
Greendale – Classic Greenfield
Homestead – Grafton Bowl
Menomonee Falls – Village Bowl
Mukwonago – Jay’s Lanes
Muskego – Alpine Lanes
New Berlin – New Berlin Bowl
Oak Creek – Classic Lanes – Oak Creek

Pewaukee – Lakeview Lanes
Pulaski – Olympic Lanes
Sussex Hamilton – Sussex Bowl
Thomas More – Olympic Lanes
Waukesha North – Fox Run Lanes
Waukesha West – Sunset Bowl
Wauwatosa West – AMF Bowlero
West Allis Central – Riviera Lanes
West Allis Hale – AMF West Allis

All current and any new schools must commit by May 1 prior to the season. Any school which has not committed by May 1 may not have matches at their bowling center.

ARTICLE III
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the Bowling Centers Association of Wisconsin (BCAW) High School Task Force.

ARTICLE V
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Pete Riopelle – Village Bowl – Menomonee Falls

The Commissioner of the WHS Bowling Club shall be elected by the Advisory Committee annually. The Commissioner's responsibilities include but are not limited to: Coordination of personnel; management policies and procedures; maintenance of the program; and assistance in settlement of problems and disputes which may arise. He/she also will be responsible for the coordination and communication with the School Boards and Associations which will be involved in WHS Bowling Club activities. These responsibilities shall also be those of the Advisory Committee from which the commissioner receives his/her authority.

ARTICLE IV
District Bylaws

Section 1 – District Meetings

The District will conduct a minimum of two meetings yearly to vote on the rules in this section of the bylaws. A quorum for all meetings is representation from 75% of the high schools in District 1. Each school and the commissioner will get 1 vote.

Prior to the season, a change in the bylaws requires a majority vote of the schools in attendance. After the season begins, in order to change a bylaw 100% of the schools in District 1 must agree to the change.

Section 2 – Officers

Officers can be an active or past coach at any level. They will be elected annually by a majority vote of the schools attending a District 1 meeting.

2007/2008 Season Officers

President:	Mike Spridco	Mukwonago
Varsity Vice President:	Mark Nihoris	Sussex Hamilton
Varsity Girls Vice President:	Kevin Dornberger	Greendale
JV Vice President:	Terry Dolderer	Menomonee Falls
Executive Director:	Lori Schommer	Franklin
Treasurer:	Chris Wodushek	Menomonee Falls

Other offices needed to operate the club include the following. These individuals do not need to be an active or past coach of District 1.

Statistician:	Karla Kossow	Menomonee Falls
Website Manager:	Mike Spridco	Mukwonago
Publicist:	Steve Michelfelder	Thomas More
Tournament Coordinator:	Cheryl Bautch	Oak Creek

Section 3 – Executive Board

The Executive Board Members will consist of the president, three vice presidents, executive director and commissioner and will be responsible for making decisions during the season that need to be resolved in a timely manner.

Section 4 - Finances

There is a team participation and lineage fee required to participate in Wisconsin High School Bowling. The fees for 2007/008 season are as follows:

Participation Fee: \$20.00 per roster person

Lineage Fees: \$25.00 per team per match

The fees are payable to WHSBC – District 1 as soon as possible but no later than 12/31/07. An invoice will be sent to the head coaches at least 30 days prior to this date. Failure to pay may cause forfeiture of future matches and individual fill counts. The Commissioner, President and Treasurer must approval all variances to this date, in advance.

Two signatures are required for withdrawal. Those authorized to co-sign are the president, three vice-presidents and treasurer. Two individuals from the same school can not co-sign.

Section 5 – District Structure

District 1 will have three divisions; Varsity, Varsity Girls and JV. Each school will be allowed one team in the Varsity and Varsity Girls division and an unlimited amount of teams in the JV division.

Section 6 – Team Structure

Girls will be allowed to bowl on the Varsity team if their school does not have a Varsity Girls team. JV teams can consist of boys and girls. Seniors are allowed to bowl on JV teams.

A full team consists of five bowlers with a maximum of 10 bowlers on the roster.

Section 7 – Coaching

Coaches can not have contact with his/her players during the off-season with the exception of the following:

1. Coaches may run youth leagues as long as the league is not restricted to just those from the school they are affiliated with.
2. Coaches may run a camp up to five days during the summer for those involved in the high school program.

Section 8 – Try-outs

Try-outs can be conducted anytime between September 1 and the first day of practice in November but can last no longer than one week.

Section 9 – Practice

- a. **Required Practice Sessions** – It is the responsibility of each head coach to conduct at least one formal practice session each week during the District 1 season. These sessions should be at no cost to the school or student. **For the 2007-08 season, the first day of practice can be no earlier than November 12, 2007.**
- b. **In center on day of competition** – None of the bowling lanes within the bowling establishment may be used for practice by any team member or substitute on the day of any match or tournament except for certified USBC Youth scheduled matches. A bowler that violates this provision will not be eligible to compete in the given event that day.
- c. **Before competition begins:** Bowlers will receive 10 minutes practice on their scheduled starting lane only before competition. Exception is when a team is late. Every effort will be made to give a team which only bowls the second match of a double match 10 minutes of practice on one lane that is not its starting pair.
- d. **On practice lanes during competition:** Only those individuals not bowling in the present game can practice on the practice lane. Once the bowler has been removed from the game, he/she may go to the practice lane. Any individual practicing on the practice lane while bowling in a game will subject their frame(s) to forfeiture.
- e. **Between matches on days with two matches:** Once your team's match is complete, the practice lanes are closed for your team. Any individual from a team that has completed their match found practicing will be disciplined in accordance with Section 14, item e.

Section 10 – Uniforms

- a. **Shirts** – Each team is required to have a team shirt by the first match in January. Everyone on the team must be wearing the same shirt, including coaches. All shirts must have collars. In addition:
 - 1) The District 1 HS logo must be on the shirt. (has been on one of the sleeves)
 - 2) The High Schools name must be on the back of the shirt. The inclusion of the student's name is optional.
 - 3) Sponsors name can be put on the sleeve, keeping printing small.
- b. **Pants** – All team members must wear the same color pants. No blue jeans or shorts.

Bowlers not in the team uniform will be ineligible to bowl. You will have to use other students from your team in the line up or, if a student is not available, you would use a zero in the frame of your choice.

Section 11 – Host School Responsibilities

Prior to matches starting, Host/Home school is to:

- Get a paddock area assigned for equipment (trying to have a secure area)
- Set-up lane assignments at least 30 minutes prior to the start of competition
- Set out no smoking/alcohol signs in spectator area
- Make any announcements
- Lead “Pledge of Allegiance” or play bowling video

After the matches have finished, Host/Home school is to:

- Collect and forward all score sheets to statistician.
- The two coaches from that days match should determine the High Individual performer to include with the scores to the paper

Section 12 – Transportation

It will be the responsibility of each participant in the WHS Bowling Club to arrange for his/her own transportation to and from practices, matches and tournaments. It will be required that all participants sign waivers of liability, stating that they are assuming full responsibility for their transportation and will hold the school districts, coaches and bowling centers harmless for any actions arising as a result of travel in connection with WHS Bowling Club activities. This policy will not supersede any school district travel policy.

Transportation will be provided in accordance with the school district's policy.

Section 13 – Playing Rules

Rule 1 – Playing Format: The Baker system format will be used. Teams will bowl in open play format alternating lanes every other game.

Rule 2 – Legal Lineup: A legal lineup consists of three bowlers.

Rule 3 – Point System: One point per game, best of 9 games wins match. Teams that tie a game each team receive $\frac{1}{2}$ (one-half) point. To win a match a team must win more than 50% of the points. Ties after 9 games will be decided by bowling a 10th game.

Each match will consist of a minimum of 7 games.

Rule 4 – Absentee: If less than a full lineup and no subs are available, that team shall select the line up order where they will receive a zero (0) for their score.

Rule 5 – Forfeits: A team which forfeits will lose all points for that match. When a match is declared forfeited, the team that is present must bowl as if the match was actually contested, and all scores will count toward team and individual averages.

Rule 6 – Substitutes: A coach may remove a bowler during a game and put in an alternate. Once that bowler has been substituted for they may not re-enter during that game. However, they may reenter during the next baker game.

A substitution in the middle of a frame, the original bowler gets credit for the open or fill.

Rule 7 – Strike and fill percentages: Established the first session that a bowler participates. The 10th frame bowler only counts frame 10 (11 & 12 do not count).

Rule 8 – Scorekeeping: Scorekeeping will be performed by the players or coach if the center does not have automatic scoring. It will be the responsibility of each team captain to verify that scores are complete and accurate. It will also be the team captain's responsibility to make sure his/her team contributions are fair share of time to the score keeping function.

Rule 9 – Lane Breakdown: In the event of lane breakage, the bowling center will make all effort to fix the lanes in a timely fashion. Should the lane not be repairable and other lanes are available, the teams will be moved to complete that game and finish the match.

Should lanes not be available, the team on the working lane shall finish their game and the team from the non-working lane shall finish on the working lane. Rescheduling the remainder of the match is permissible.

Section 14 – Conduct of Coaches and Players (Players must abide by his/her School District Athletic code)

- a. No coach, player or other person officially connected with the team shall be permitted to use any tobacco products on the bench or in the playing area. Bowling area consists of settee, and concourse.
- b. No consumption of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products by anyone in the settee or concourse area during practice or match play. Note – In a large center a 4 lane buffer area on each side will be appropriate.
- c. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including deliberate fouling, unusually loud or vulgar language or abuse of equipment and facilities is prohibited. Coaches or center officials will have the authority to remove anyone from competition for any of the above reasons from their teams.
- d. All Electronic Devices such as cell phones, MP3 players, CD players, pagers, etc., will not be allowed in the settee area during competition. These items need to be turned off and remain off during any high school match
- e. Conduct Enforcement Policy: Any violation of the above rules or any other rule which uses the following as a penalty is to be reported to an officer for enforcement. The vice presidents will keep a list of individuals who have been assessed a penalty.

Violation 1: Verbal warning.

Violation 2: Removal from that day's competition (including the second match of a double match).

Violation 3: Removal from District 1 competition for the remainder of the season. The athlete may appeal this in writing to the Executive Board.

Coaches may substitute a roster bowler for any player removed for conduct violations.

- f. All bowlers will remain in the immediate bowling area while competition is in progress unless excused by coach.
- g. Bowlers will be expected to follow the previous bowler promptly and will be required to bowl as soon as the lane to their right is clear.
- h. The coach(s), league officials and the players bowling in a match are the only persons authorized to be in the bowlers' area during the match. Substitutes or any other interested parties must remain behind the area defined as the bowlers' area. A maximum of 8 people, including coaches, will be allowed in the settee area, during the match. If other lanes are available "on the side of the pair of lanes still in competition" additional students from the school can go and sit there as long as they do not interrupt the other team during competition. Any issues should be discussed amongst the coaches.

Section 15 – Team Sectionals (Varsity Boys & Girls) All varsity teams will bowl in District 1's Team Sectional. Junior Varsity will not compete in the sectional tournament. They will have a JV invitational for all JV teams.

- a. **Qualifying Round** – The qualifying round will consist of 15 games of Baker, moving right after each game. Highest total pin fall will determine match play qualifiers.
- b. **Match Play Round** – Top 8 boys and top 4 girls teams will be seeded into bracket format play (1 vs. 8, 2 vs.7, etc). Each match will consist of 2 games of baker. Winner is decided by highest total pin fall. After the first round of match play, teams left will be reseated.

- c. **Tie Breaker** – For any ties of teams qualifying for state, either through the season standings or sectional tournament the following rules will apply:
1. Two teams tied there will be a best out of five game baker match.
 2. Three or four teams tied the teams will bowl four games over four lanes with highest total pin count advancing.
 3. Should more teams tie, two additional games over two additional lanes will be bowled.

Section 16 – Team State Qualification

Each year the Advisory Council will advise District 1 how many (“X” number) Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls teams are eligible to advance to State Competition. For the 2007/8 season, District 1 will have _____ Varsity Boys and ____ Varsity Girls team eligible for state competition.

Half of the state team qualifiers will be from season standings and half from sectionals.
Odd number goes to team standings.

Section 17 – Individual State Qualification

Each year the Advisory Council will advise District 1 how many individual (“Y”) Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls will eligible to advance to State Competition. For the 2007/8 season, District 1 will have ____ Varsity Boys and ____ Varsity Girls individuals eligible for state competition.

Half of the state individual qualifiers will be from season fill percentage standings. The next 24 positions for Varsity Boys and next 18 for Varsity Girls will be offered an invitation to compete in separate Varsity Boys/Girls individual “sectional qualifiers”. **Should a bowler turn down the invitation to the sectional qualifier the position will not be refilled. The remaining half of the qualifiers will be the top individuals from sectionals.** Odd number goes to standings.

Qualifying for state singles and sectionals, a bowler (including girls bowling on a co-ed team) must have participated in at least **65% of frames available** to bowl in their team’s matches, **based on 7 game matches (14 frames per bowler per match)** to be eligible to qualify for a State singles bid.

Example: Team A has 16 matches – Bowler B would need to have 146 frames bowled ($16 \times 14 = 224 \times 65\% = 146$) to be eligible for State/Sectionals.

Section 18 – Sectional Qualifier format

The Sectional Qualifier for singles will consist of 4 games league style across 8 lanes, moving 1 pair of lanes to the right after each game. Highest total pin counts will advance to fill the remaining eligible state tournament positions.

State qualifying position ties, will be broken by a 1 game roll off.

Section 19 – Double Scholarship Tournament - State

District 1 is to have only senior high school students represent our district at this event.

Section 20 – Additional Local Additions

- a. District 1 Singles Scholarship Tournament – Before State Tournament - target time is the 3rd weekend in February.

- b. Athletic Code of Conduct, WIAA Parental Guide to Sportsmanship and USBC Rule 400 - The Athletic Code of Conduct has been provided by Bowling Centers Association of Wisconsin (BCAW), for all statewide schools use (attachment A). The Parental Guide to Sportsmanship is provided by the WIAA (attachment B). Final attachments are the USBC Rule 400 (attachment C), and signature form (attachment D).

Due to past instances, these documents have required more detailed attention by District 1. District 1 has agreed that each student must sign this signature form and have them returned to the president or executive director before they are allowed to bowl. If their school has higher standards as far as Code of Conduct they will be required to meet those standards.

- c. Match Security - The Wisconsin High School Bowling Club District 1, associated high school and Bowling Centers are not responsible for lost or stolen items.